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positis, at corresponding depths, have been found on the opposite side of the river in the vicinity of Fort Wadsworth.

The investigations made on the Long Island shores, confirm the conclusions arrived at by Professor G. H. Cook, in his report on the Geology of Cape May county, N. J., that the oscillation of land on this coast during the last epoch has been one of subsidence. If the formation found near Fort Lafayette be, as it evidently is, an ancient marsh, the depression has been at least fifty-three feet.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. *Seventeenth Annual Meeting, at Chicago, August, 1868.*—The objects of the American Association for the Advancement of Science are, by periodical and migratory meetings, to promote intercourse between those who are cultivating science in different parts of North America; to give a stronger and more general impulse, and a more systematic direction to scientific research in our country, and to procure for the labors of scientific men increased facilities and a wider usefulness.

The seventeenth meeting of the Association will be held at Chicago, during the week commencing on Wednesday, August 5, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

It will be the aim of the Local Committee to make the sojourn of the members of the Association in Chicago pleasant, as well as profitable in a scientific point of view. The usual local courtesies will be extended to them, both by private citizens and public bodies. Resolutions of invitation, and offers of the use of rooms, libraries, collections, etc., have already been passed by the Academy of Sciences, the Historical Society, the Young Men's Association, the University of Chicago, the Board of Trade, and other bodies.

With the view of insuring as large a meeting as possible, special attention has been given to the facilities for coming to and returning from the city over all routes of travel. Arrangements have been made with the railroad companies, by which return tickets will be furnished free to those who attend the meeting. Doubtless the same concession will be granted by the proprietors of some of the steamboat lines.

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